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Survey Types

Marine Surveys are needed for varied reasons; hence, different types ...

Pre-Purchase C&V (Condition & Valuation) Survey

This is the most common and comprehensive type of vessel inspection. It is strongly recommended for a Buyer when purchasing a used or even a new vessel. Overall condition and operation of the vessel should be examined. Structural integrity is investigated via non-invasive measures. The condition & features of the hull, deck, rig, interior, safety equipment, electronics, electrical, engines, machinery, and tankage are examined. Cosmetic appearance and overall maintenance of the vessel are noted as well. It is advisable to have an out-of-water inspection to inspect the underbody as well as determine the condition of the thru-hulls/seacocks. A sea trial is also recommended to insure that the vessel performs as expected and to observe equipment and machinery underway. A comprehensive written report is furnished complete with Deficiencies & Recommendations found, plus a CD of survey photos taken. The vessel's estimated Present Market & Replacement Values are determined as well. The inspection is conducted in accordance with Standards from ABYC (American Boat and Yacht Council Recommendations for Small Craft), Recommendations from NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) and USCG CFR 33 (Rules and Regulations for Recreational Boats.)



This survey can also be used for your insurance or financing needs.

Insurance C&V Survey

This survey is offered to clients who already own their vessel. It is performed so that an insurance company can determine whether or not the vessel is an acceptable risk. They are interested in structural integrity and safety for its intended use. Most insurance companies require a survey on wood & older boats. They will also want to know the vessel's Fair Market Value. The survey is essentially the same as a **Pre-Purchase Condition & Valuation Survey** though Deficiencies & Recommendations are not as detailed and cosmetic defects often overlooked. ABYC, NFPA, and USCG CFR 33 are referenced.

Appraisal Inspection

This inspection is performed to justify or determine the Estimated Fair Market Value of the vessel in its present state. A general inspection is done to ascertain the boat's overall condition. A report is supplied with comparisons to similar vessels or other approach used to determine market value. Though the inspection & report are not a C&V Survey, a careful examination of the particular vessel's condition is done since the fair market value can vary considerably between similar vessels depending on their condition.

Damage Inspection / Insurance Claim

This type of inspection is normally requested by an insurance company when a claim is filed or a vessel is involved in an accident. Its purpose is to assess the extent of damage and verify/determine probable cause of it. Recommended repairs and review of submitted repair estimates are done. Fair Market Value before and after damage often is supplied.